

APPROVED: *February 27, 1989*ATTEST: *Anita M. Combs*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
 Meeting 01A-89

January 3, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland convened in Work Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, January 3, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Steve Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember David Robbins

ABSENT

Mayor Douglas Duncan (family illness)

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian (travel leave)

Mayor pro tem Coyle in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer and City Clerk Margaret Gearin.

Re: Cultural Arts Commission regarding
 Arts in Public Places Program

Cultural Arts Commission members present:

Chairman John Moser

Paula Eiblum

Marilyn Scott

Judy Greenberg

Ken Lechter

John Tyner

Ellie Chamberlin

Staff present:

Greg Bayor

Kathleen Moran

Burt Hall

Betty Wisda

The Art in Public Places Program provides funds to install works of art in various parks and other locations in the City. Chairman John Moser stated that he strongly supported the proposed sculpture for the Broome Athletic Field although there were options to the way the sculpture could be installed, for example, the sculpture could be raised or installed on an incline. After a brief discussion, in which the Council voiced approval of the Broome sculpture as recommended, Mayor pro tem Coyle directed the City Manager to bring the item back on the agenda on January 9th for action.

Re: Cultural Arts Commission Program
in General including the budget and
selection process

Discussion centered on lowering the cost of art in public places by contracting with emerging artists, which may in time prove to be an investment if the value of the art appreciates; budgeting for a specific site rather than budgeting the same amount for all sites within a category; getting the Mayor and Council involved earlier in the process to air its general concerns before the finalists are chosen; and allowing a flexible approach which would allow the Cultural Arts Commission, for example, to choose to spend its money on two sites rather than three sites.

Mayor pro tem Coyle stated that the full Mayor and Council would discuss these options before a decision was made.

At 8:25 p.m., Mayor pro tem Coyle adjourned the Work Session with the Cultural Arts Commission.

Re: Stop Sign Installation

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor pro tem Coyle convened a Work Session to discuss stop sign installation policies and neighborhood traffic control.

Staff present:

Robert Goodin, Director of Public Works

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Joseph Cutro, Traffic Engineer

Robert Spalding, Planner III

Andy Johnson, Chairman, Traffic and Transportation Commission

Joe Cutro explained the rules that govern City policy of stop signs, emphasizing that stop signs are not used for speed control. He recommended giving the police added support for speed enforcement. Councilmember Abrams recommended delaying a traffic control plan for Watts Branch Parkway until the construction on Falls Road is completed. Mayor pro tem Coyle asked staff to find out what coordination takes place between County and City police regarding traffic enforcement citing the current traffic problems at the intersection of Route 28 and Hurley Drive.

Mayor pro tem Coyle adjourned the Work Session on stop signs at 9:20 p.m.

At 9:25 p.m., Mayor pro tem Coyle convened a Work Session to review the City's snow and ice control services.

Re: Snow and Ice control services

Staff present:

Robert Goodin, Director of Public Works

Don Douglass, Maintenance Superintendent

Don Douglass gave a presentation, explaining the current measures for dealing with snow and ice in the winter months and made the following recommendations which can be addressed during future budget discussions if a higher level of service is to be achieved:

1. Added men and plows if every street is to be plowed and chemicals are to be sprayed on every street. Presently there is a six to eight year life on equipment, and manpower is borrowed from Recreation and Parks when needed.
2. Power angle plows for clearing courts.

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3. Improved communications and information to citizens.
4. Increased field personnel to send to a person's house to investigate requests.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Work Session, Mayor pro tem Coyle adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. to convene again on January 9, 1989 in General Session or at the call of the Mayor.